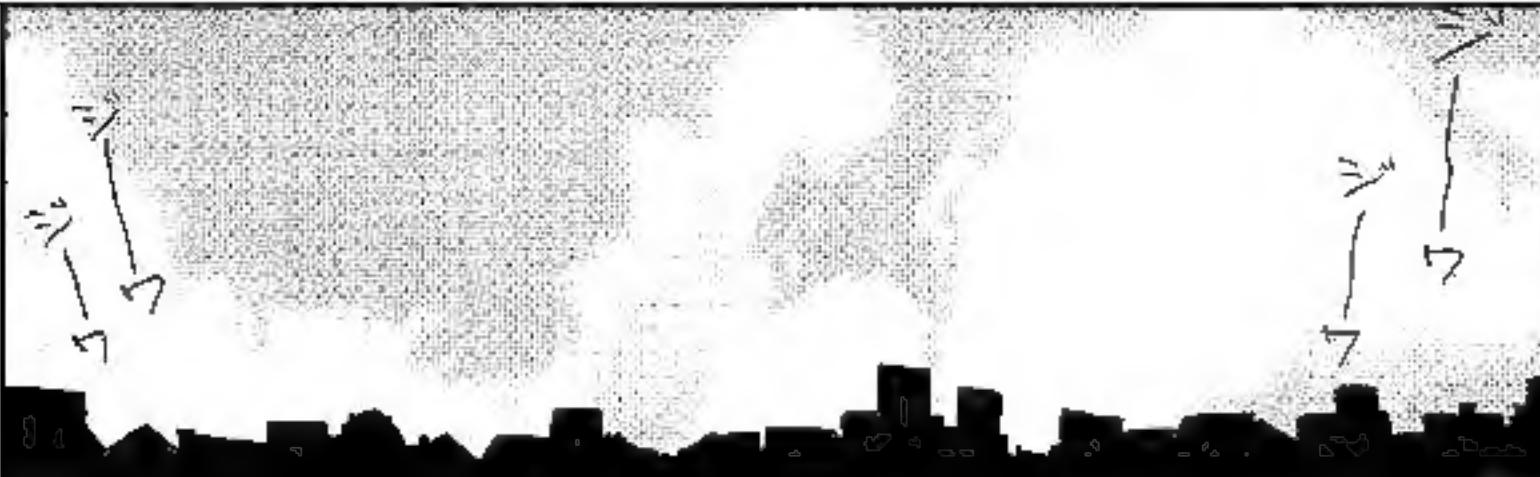


LONG
ABSENCE

It's been a week since she said "I'm going to Tokyo for a while, lol."





SHE'S IN TOKYO FOR
COMIKET AND...
WAS IT WAN-FEST?

THAT YOU
HAVEN'T
SEEN HER
FOR OVER
A WEEK.

THIS
IS THE
FIRST TIME
SINCE YOU
BECAME
FRIENDS
WITH KONA
-CHAN...

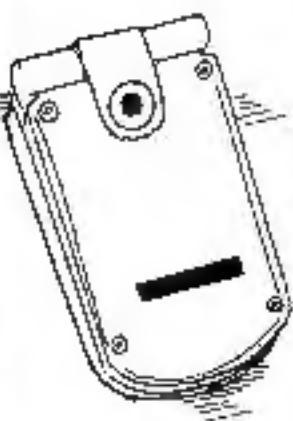
Hnn...
is that
so?



RING
RING
RING

Not
that I
really
care...

BUT COMIKET
ENDED YES-
TERDAY, SO
SHE SHOULD
BE ON HER
WAY HOME.



TSUKASA!
STOP
LOOKING
AT ME
LIKE
THAT!

YUTAKA-CHAN
AND MINAMI
-CHAN GET
ALONG WELL...

Ah,
no, I'm
talking
to
Tsukasa.

NOTHING
SPECIAL
GOING
ON
HERE...

MIYUKI?
NAH,
NOTHING.

HELLO?
OH...











I WAS
SAD I
COULDN'T
SEE YOU.

Y-you're
lying. Then
couldn't
you have
at least
called me?

N-no...

I...

Wh-
what?

I
REALIZED
IT WHILE
WE WERE
APART...

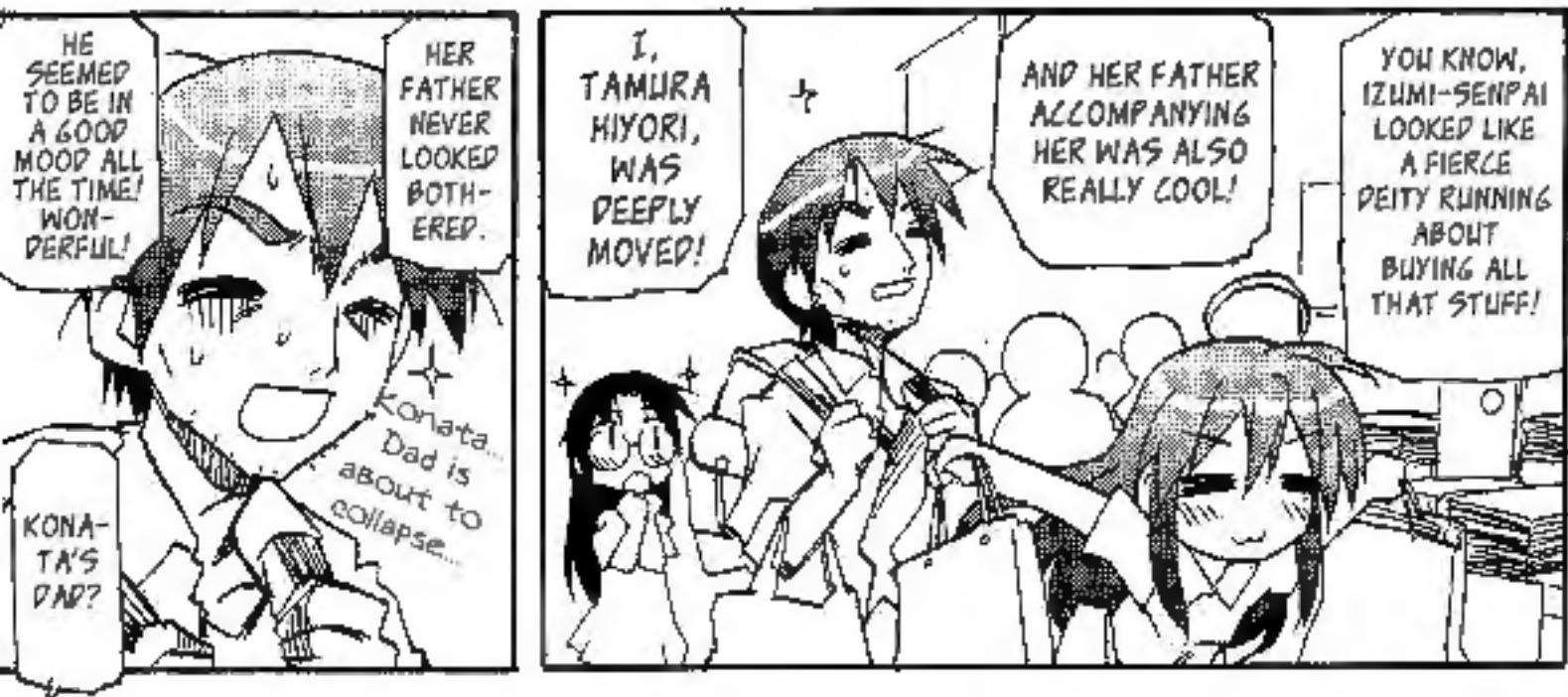
CON-
NECTED,
FROM
HERE...
TO HERE.

Wha-
E-embarr-
rassing
remarks
are
prohib-
ited!

EVEN
WITHOUT
CELL
PHONES,

YOU
AND I
ARE...





CONTINUING
FROM WHERE
WE LEFT OFF

YEAH

AND SHE
LEFT

YOU
WERE ADM-
RABLE!

OH?
KAGAMI,
IS YOUR
FACE ALL
RED?

Don't
poke
fun
at me
now...

NO!

Oh
yeah,
from
here
right?

...I TOLD
MY DAD
NOT TO TELL
ANYONE.

I GUESS
THAT MEANS
YOU SHOULD
HAVE SAID
THE SAME TO
YUTAKA-CHAN

SO,
HOW
DID THE
MEDICAL
EXAMI-
NATION
GO?

I WANTED
TO HEAR
THE DETAILS
FROM YOU

OH..
THAT
ROUTE

YUTAKA-CHAN
DISCUSSED
IT WITH
M. NAMI-CHAN,
WHO TOLD IT
TO MIYUKI...
AND SO I
HEARD



THERE MIGHT BE A CAR ACCIDENT, A STRAY BULLET FROM SOME YAKUZA, OR ONE MIGHT GET INVOLVED IN A HOLY WAR FOR THE HOLY GRAIL AND RUN INTO A DEAD END OR SOMETHING.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, YOU ALWAYS THINK LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU?

YOU REALLY

NO ONE KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN 10 YEARS

EVEN IF I LIVE NORMALLY FOR 10 YEARS, THERE IS NO WAY TO TELL WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT

WELL, THAT'S TRUE

This girl... She was this fragile?

I WILL BE BY YOUR SIDE.

KAGAMI

IT'S INEVITABLE REALLY, IT CAN'T BE HELPED

IF IT CAN'T BE HELPED, THEN EVEN IN 10 YEARS

nnn.

Wha-

What you just said sounded a lot like a marriage proposal!

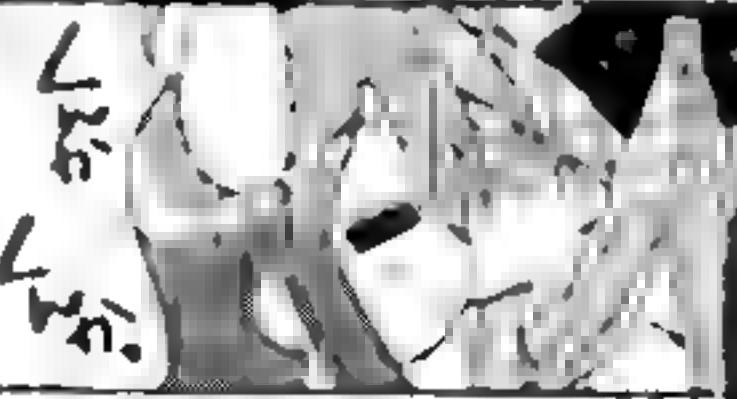
IF
YOU
SAY
THAT
NOW

THAT'S
NOT
FAIR

UGU
!?

AND
IF I SAY
THAT
WAS MY
INTENTION?

...I
love
you.



You smell
sweet
Could it be
because



WHY YOU
...
...
HAPPENS

I WANTED
TO GET
RID OF THIS
SMELL AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE
ANYWAY!

I-I'M
FINE
WITH
THAT

Wha...
So
that's
what's
next!?

TO-
GETHER

OKAY
THEN,
LET'S
TAKE
A BATH

Perhaps it was a bit hasty...

AAH,
FROM
TSUKASA

What are
you saying?

OH,
MAIL?

Kagami,
that was
fun~

Nah, that was
a joke. Did you
fall for it? Sorry.
Mom asked, so I
told her you
were staying at
Kona-chan's
house overnight.

To my sister
Kagami.

I take it
you're getting
along well with
Kona-chan since
I haven't heard
from you. I'm
so envious!

REALLY,
SEEMS
LIKES SHE
HAS SOME
STRANGE
IDEAS

This is
Tsukasa.
This was
Tsukasa.

To
my
be-
loved
sister
Ka-
gami.

Despite how
Kona-chan is,
Momo trusts
her quite a
bit. To a
surprising
extent,
even.

So don't
hold back,
please
create
wonderful
summer
memories
together.

R-
really
?

Uh

I SAVE
ALL MAILS
I RECEIVE
FROM YOU

I'M
NOT
KID-
DING

Stop!
Don't
read!
Erase
it!

OKAY, I'LL
CHECK IF
KAGAMI HAS
SENT ME
ANYTHING.

It's a
good
thing
he
wasn't
able to
intrude,
but
Comiket
is
scary.

By the
way,
the old
man
wasn't
able to
move his
body for
three
whole
days.

WELL, I
NEVER GET
SERIOUS
MAILS
FROM ANY-
ONE ELSE,
SO.

UWAH
THAT'S
REALLY
EN-
BAR-
RASS-
ING
SOME-
HOW.

RUMOR

AGAIN
WITH THE
STRANGE
REFER-
ENCES





